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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,5,7 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,3,6 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/17/06</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

1. The drawings are objected to because the section lines (direction indicators) A-A are not shown properly. Further, such lines should designate the figures in which the views are to be found. For example A-A in Fig. 1 should be 1A-1A.

The drawings are also objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the details of the switch from claim 8 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- Applicant is kindly requested to change the German document to the equivalent US Patent in paragraph 4 of the specification.
- The specification should not refer to specific claims (paragraph 18).

Appropriate corrections are required.

3. Claims 1-12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- a. On line 4 of claim 1, it appears that "an electric switch" should be *the electric switch* since this appears to be the same switch as in line 3.

- b. Claim 1 lacks antecedent basis for “the correct position” on line 7.
- c. The last three lines of claim 1 appear incomplete. Alternatively, should the penultimate line begin *user, the locking?*
- d. On line 3 of claim 2, it appears that “blocks” should be plural.
- e. Claim 5 lacks antecedent basis for “the correct position” on lines 6- 7.
- f. Claim 7 lacks antecedent basis for “the correct position” on line 7.
- g. Claims 11 and 12 each lack antecedent basis for “the correct position” on line 4.
- h. In general, the claims are not clearly written.

Appropriate corrections are required.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 9-12, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kossakowski, et al. This module comprises an electric switch, a housing 1 and a locking element 4 with an associated push button 5' (Fig. 2). The locking element is biased by spring 8 and therefore resiliently deflects as claimed. In regard to claim 10, it is noted that the switch 5 may also be a rotary switch (Fig. 1). In regard to claim 9, Kossakowski also discusses increased forces (column 2, lines 50-60).

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hubacher, et al. shows a switch that interlocks with a seat locking mechanism in a manner similar to that of the present application. Kim and Ling et al. include cams that are biased in a manner similar to that of the present invention.

7. Any response to this action may be mailed to:

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke whose telephone number is (571) 272-2009.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.

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